

DISTRICT VI ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes

Monday
May 1, 2006
7:00 p.m.

Evergreen Recreation Center
2700 N. Woodland
Lounge Clubroom

The District VI Advisory Board meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Evergreen Recreation Center Lounge Clubroom 2700 N. Woodland. The City Council Member, Sharon Fearey led the meeting and eleven (11) District Advisory Board members were in attendance. Seven (7) city staff were present and four (4) members of the public. Approximately 23 were in attendance.

Members Present

C. Bickley Foster
Jaya Escobar
Veronica Triana
John VanWalleghen
Bob Wine
Marsha Carr
Darcy Weaver
Rosalie Bradley
Charlie Claycomb
Bob Schreck

Members Absent

Linda Matney
Carol Skaff
Garrett Harmon-Youth

Staff Present

Brandon Kauffman, Finance
Mark Manning, Finance
Officer Kyle, Patrol West
Officer Recio, Patrol North
Dale Miller
Terri Dozal, Neighborhood Assistant

Guests

Listed at end

Call to Order

Councilwoman Fearey called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from April 3, 2006 were approved as submitted (**Wine /Schreck/10-0**)

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved with an amendment to add 5a Proposed Cell Tower presentation. (**Schreck/Matney10-0**)

Public Agenda

1. **Scheduled items-** none
2. **Off-agenda items-** none

Staff Presentations

3 Community Police Report

Officer Recio, Patrol North Beat 42 – discussed working on the prostitution problem in the Midtown area and recently held a John Sting during the noontime. There is still discussion on the subject of sending letters to addresses if there car license tag has been seen in the area where prostitution is taking place. Also, discussion in process on posting pictures of people arrested for prostitution on the police web page. We continue to see vandalism occurring in the area. Evergreen Neighborhood City Hall is hosting activities for youth on Wednesdays this summer, police plan to be involved with this pilot project.

Officer Stevens, Patrol South Old Town-stated he is working on a project on area problem bars. This is being organized with several state agencies and the City's Office of Central Inspection. Five bars do not fall under ABC compliance some had bugs in the liquor. After further evaluation only one bar was closed. Monitoring of these bars will be continued.

Officer Saffers, Patrol South works 1st shift and has been monitoring traffic accidents along Douglas with 80% of ticketing 142 cars was caused by people running red lights. We continue to see accidents along Kellogg Drive. Also, we have had business burglaries, vehicle vandalism and auto larcenies. We are also experiencing runaways from the Children's Home.

Member Triana arrived at 7:10 p.m

Officer Davidson, Patrol West Beat 15 reported along Kellogg & West streets we are starting to see larcenies to autos and are starting our bike patrol to curb activity. We have been presenting to other neighborhood groups about Sunflower association purchasing signs to notify neighbors about projects/ activities/ crime taking place in the area. **Member Carr** said Captain Nelson presented on this last month to the Riverside association.

*******Action:** Receive and file.

Park Presentation

4. Playground Improvements

Tim Martz, Park Department Forestry Superintendent said there is \$580,000 of CDBG funding for the city's playground improvements and the department planning on renovating playground equipment in District VI's North Woodland, Evergreen, Schell, and Central Riverside Parks. There were four proposals submitted with two proposals being considered. We have met with representatives of El Pueblo Neighborhood and they liked the designs but had strong feelings that Schell Park needed swings included in the equipment. We plan to accommodate the swing request. We have also met with Riverside Association to discuss the central park and questions continue on the fate of the Rocket. Staff says the Rocket is a safety liability and we plan to plant shrubbery around it and include it in part of our landscape design. Also there will be safety surfacing along the playground equipment and make sure they are ADA accessible.

The following are questions/inquiries asked of DAB members: *responses in Italics*

- Out of the 76 playgrounds how many have rubberized surface? *Not sure as Some of the parks with rubberized surface have experienced vandalism. To rubberize all the parks would cost \$1 to 1 ½ million.*
- At Woodland Park will the new equipment be located where the other is now? *Yes*
- rubberized surface is that because of ADA regulations? *No, it depends on the park and if the rubberized is requested. El Pueblo asked for rubberized for Woodland but sand for Schell.*
- Some of this playground equipment is really different can you explain why? Will there be instructions for the parents on how to use? *The equipment is designed for*

kids to use their imagination. They can climb or hang or spin around. The kids really enjoy the variety and they just know how to use it.

- The rubber safety surface, can you remove painting to it? Yes
- How long is the guarantee on the rubberized surface? *One year but some areas have had it in for five years.*
- Will there be a grand opening with demonstrations of the equipment? *It's possible.*

Martz finished saying the Park Department hopes to present to City Council by the end of the month and have construction start by end of summer.

*******Action:** The District Advisory Board provided comment and allowed public comment on the planned playground improvements.

Planning

5. CON2006-00016

The District VI Advisory Board considered a conditional use request to permit the installation of an emergency engine for back up power for AT&T station located at 3920 N. Arkansas. The DAB Members were provided the public notice and MAPD staff comments for review prior to the meeting. **Dale Miller**, Planner presented the case background and reviewed the staff recommendation with members and the public.

The agent for the applicant was present but there were no questions asked of him.

No members of the public spoke in opposition of the request.

DAB members' questions/concerns included 1) Would the 16ft fence be made of wood; 2) were all staff conditions agreed upon by the applicant; 3) How much fuel would be stored on site; 4) is there a condition for maintaining noise below the maximum decibel level and 5) when was this facility built. All questions were answered.

***** **Action:** Motion to recommend **Approval** (**Foster/Matney 11-0**) of conditional use request based on staff recommendations.

5a) Proposed Cell Tower at 29th and Porter streets

The District VI Advisory Board considered a request to permit a cell tower at the corner of 29th and Porter. **Dale Miller**, Planner presented a brief case background and answered questions of members

Greg Ferris, agent stated he was presenting on the administrative adjustment under direction of planning dept. director to gather public input. The goal of the applicant is to provide adequate service to the residential customers. There are no other towers available to use for this purpose. The cell tower falls under the Wireless Master Plan guidelines.

No members of the public spoke in opposition of the request.

DAB members' questions/concerns included 1) how tall would the tower be 2) would there be landscaping; 3) doesn't the cell tower at 33rd and Womer cover this area; 4) what

rule was being requested and 5) Benjamin Hills neighborhood was never notified and did not give the area residents a chance to provide input.

***** **Action:** Motion to recommend approval based on neighborhood input. **Member VanWalleghe**n is to contact his neighbors and provide feedback to DAB within 2-3 days. Neighborhood assistant will send information to members.

6. Update on Budgetary Process for 2007 Budget

Brandon Kauffman, Finance, presented on the 2007 budgetary process, *Managing for Results*” based on goals set on Council desires. The budget would be divided into services, which will provide a linkage between council goals, dollars budgeted and results expected. *Kauffman* stated the Council goals were to provide safe and secure community, promote economic vitality and affordable living, ensure efficient infrastructure, enhance quality of life and support dynamic core area and vibrant neighborhoods. *Mark Manning, Finance Director* was also present to answer questions.

The following were comments/questions provided by DAB members: *responses in Italics*

- **Under Property Crimes Investigations** change the wording assign detectives to cases based on solvability factors. This sounds like they will work on cases they only know they can solve.
- How do you weigh in IRB & tax incentives? *This will be measure designed by the consultant.*
- **Funding for strategies for neighborhoods-** Low dollar percentage for developing economic vitality. *It's hard to direct to that area.*
- **Promoting economic vitality and affordable living:** \$5.15 cost of living, no one can live off of that and if so it would be very hard to achieve. The City has the opportunity to improve quality of employment by providing more training.
- This process for developing the budget is a great idea and a good process but the priority should be from input of the residents and this is missing. Before the process begins you need to ask us. We don't know anything until after the budget is drawn up.
- **Cost effectiveness-** we don't see this as criteria and it should be one.
- Quantitative measurements - are we going to wait 3 years before we see results? *Manning* responded to look forward to see report cards based on results during the process.

It was asked if there are to be benchmarks, make it something we can relate to and when will this return to DAB? *In two months.*

***** **Action:** Provided comment.

Board Agenda

7. Problem Properties

None were reported. Report to the neighborhood assistant if you see a problem area.

***** **Action:** Receive and propose appropriate action.

8. **Neighborhood Reports**

Arkansas River clean-up before the river festival- **North Riverside** is assisting come join us starting at Minisa at 9:00 am this Saturday.

CSBG report, Member Foster stated he was given a handout- recommending \$64,000 for career development, marriage counseling and training

Moorings: has cancelled their 4th of July community events due to ordinance changes, liabilities including port potties.

La Placita: held their neighborhood cleanup a couple of week's ago and another is scheduled for October. Funding for clean-ups is \$25,000 and used for low income areas

Moratorium will be put into effect tomorrow at City Council on special events for rodeos, carnivals and circus within the city limits. This will give staff time to review what other cities our size do in this situation and for our legal department to advise us. Also, May 9th the new licensing for farmers market goes into effect for weekends at Old Town and other sites during weekdays.

Riverside Citizens has had window peepers and drive-by shooting in the area.

Discussion on Patrol North station and officers not responding to problems.

*******Action:** Receive and file

Updates from Council member Fearey

- More info from Feb. 6, 2006 DAB VI Minutes: There was much discussion on screening for Mobile Home Parks and I have found out they will have to have screening including the existing parks. This is for your clarification
- 2nd Annual DAB VI at Wrangler's Night – June 22, 2006

With no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Guests

Kathy Dittmer	823 Litchfield
Mike Hapton	2231 SW Wananallen Topeka, Ks. 66614
Wendell Turner	2623 Fairview
Carlos Contreras	2208 N. Wellington 67204 El Pueblo

Respectfully Submitted,

Terri Dozal, Neighborhood Assistant